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Idaho Milk Production Up 10 Percent

Idaho milk production during May 1999 totaled 540 million pounds, up 10 percent from the same month last year and up 5 percent from April 1999. Average milk production per cow in May 1999 was 1,720 pounds, up 40 pounds from May 1998 and up 80 pounds from April 1999. The average number of milk cows in May was 314,000 head, 21,000 more than in May 1998 and 2,000 more than in April 1999.

Nationally, May milk production in the 20 major States totaled 12.4 billion pounds, up 3.5 percent from production in these same States in May 1998. April revised production, at 12.0 billion pounds, was up 3.5 percent from April 1998. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,610 pounds for May, 54 pounds above May 1998. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.72 million head, 3,000 head more than May 1998, and 8,000 head more than April 1999.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, May 1998-1999

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		1999 As Percent of 1998
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		
Arizona	130	134	1,945	2,060	253	276	109
California	1,414	1,460	1,720	1,825	2,432	2,665	110
Florida	162	160	1,350	1,420	219	227	104
IDAHO	293	314	1,680	1,720	492	540	110
Illinois	128	123	1,510	1,490	193	183	95
Indiana	137	136	1,420	1,400	195	190	97
Iowa	223	215	1,520	1,550	339	333	98
Kentucky	141	133	1,115	1,120	157	149	95
Michigan	299	293	1,560	1,600	466	469	101
Minnesota	555	545	1,490	1,550	827	845	102
Missouri	172	161	1,285	1,305	221	210	95
New Mexico	217	232	1,795	1,795	390	416	107
New York	701	700	1,490	1,520	1,044	1,064	102
Ohio	265	259	1,485	1,480	394	383	97
Pennsylvania	623	615	1,550	1,605	966	987	102
Texas	356	345	1,480	1,515	527	523	99
Vermont	162	162	1,480	1,530	240	248	103
Virginia	125	122	1,310	1,330	164	162	99
Washington	248	247	1,885	1,960	467	484	104
Wisconsin	1,368	1,366	1,480	1,520	2,025	2,076	103
20 STATE TOTAL	7,719	7,722	1,556	1,610	12,011	12,430	103

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

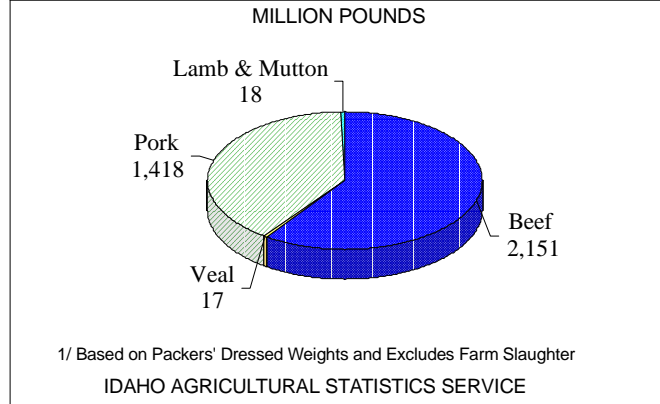
Idaho Red Meat Production Down 3 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for May 1999 totaled 42.3 million pounds, down 3 percent from last year. May production showed a 4 percent decrease from April's 44.0 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January - May 1999 period totaled 217.7 million pounds, virtually unchanged from the comparable period a year earlier.

Red meat production for the United States totaled 3.60 billion pounds in May, up 1 percent from the 3.58 billion pounds produced in May 1998. Beef production, at 2.15 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.00 million head, up 1 percent from 1998. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 1,188 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.42 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.44 million head, 2 percent below 1998. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 259 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 18.0 million pounds, was down 7 percent from the previous record low for May set in 1998. Sheep slaughter totaled 270 thousand head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, down 4 pounds from May

a year ago. January - May red meat production was 18.8 billion pounds, 3 percent higher than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 3 percent higher than last year, veal was down 16 percent, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb and mutton was down 6 percent.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION ^{1/} UNITED STATES, MAY 1999



Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	May 1998	April 1999	May 1999	May 1999 as percent of ^{2/}	
				May 1998	April 1999
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
California	80.3	89.7	85.4	106	95
Colorado	151.5	168.4	178.7	118	106
IDAHO	43.5	44.0	42.3	97	96
Illinois	197.9	211.7	197.6	100	93
Iowa	457.5	543.7	460.4	101	85
Kansas	485.6	511.4	509.4	105	100
Minnesota	142.5	172.3	155.5	109	90
Montana	1.5	1.6	1.7	115	106
Nebraska	559.8	555.0	532.7	95	96
Nevada	0.1	--	0.1	100	233
Oklahoma	64.0	75.6	67.5	105	89
Oregon	3.1	3.4	3.2	103	93
South Dakota	76.0	85.8	71.3	94	83
Texas	411.6	407.6	419.1	102	103
Utah	36.0	38.6	39.5	110	102
Washington	58.1	49.9	50.6	87	101
Wyoming	0.3	0.3	0.3	105	100
UNITED STATES	3,580.1	3,823.5	3,603.9	101	94

^{1/} Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. ^{2/} Percentages based on unrounded data.

All Cattle in Idaho: Top Twelve Counties

Counties	January 1, 1998	Counties	January 1, 1999
	<i>Head</i>		<i>Head</i>
Cassia	140,500	Cassia	151,500
Canyon	140,500	Canyon	149,500
Gooding	140,000	Gooding	141,500
Jerome	133,500	Jerome	137,500
Twin Falls	125,500	Twin Falls	127,500
Elmore	119,000	Elmore	120,000
Owyhee	107,000	Owyhee	111,000
Bingham	81,000	Bingham	84,500
Ada	66,500	Ada	69,000
Jefferson	63,000	Jefferson	64,500
Lemhi	51,500	Lemhi	51,500
Washington	43,500	Franklin	44,000

Idaho Cattle on Feed Up 10 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on June 1, 1999 totaled 285,000 head, up 10 percent from the June 1, 1998 inventory of 260,000 head. The inventory was up 2 percent from the number on hand as of May 1, 1999.

Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during May totaled 68,000 head, up 14,000 head from May 1998 placements. Marketings during May totaled 52,000 head, up 5,000 head from May 1998 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States from feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.98 million head on June 1, 1999, up 3 percent from June 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.04 million, slightly above 1998. Net placements were 1.94 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 290,000, 600-699 pounds were 425,000, 700-799 pounds were 717,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 607,000. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 1.99 million, 1 percent above 1998 but 4 percent below 1997. Other disappearance totaled 99,000 during May, 6 percent above 1998.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots^{1/}

State	June 1, 1998	May 1, 1999	June 1, 1999		
			Number	As % of 1998	As % of May
	---1,000 Head---		---Percent---		
Arizona	214	208	207	97	100
California	375	375	370	99	99
Colorado	980	1,120	1,090	111	97
Idaho	260	280	285	110	102
Iowa	290	350	330	114	94
Kansas	1,990	1,970	2,010	101	102
Nebraska	1,800	2,120	2,000	111	94
New Mexico	78	85	87	112	102
Oklahoma	370	325	330	89	102
South Dakota	160	180	164	103	91
Texas	2,640	2,430	2,530	96	104
Washington	156	*179	199	128	111
Other States	390	400	375	96	94
United States	9,703	*10,022	9,977	103	100

^{1/}Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. *Revised.

Frozen Potato Stocks Down 2 Percent

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on May 31, 1999, totaled 980.7 million pounds, a slight increase from April 30, 1999, and down 3 percent from May 31, 1998. Other frozen potatoes, at 274.4 million pounds, increased 6 percent from April stocks and were up 1 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on May 31, 1999, totaled 137.3 million pounds, up 9 percent from the end of the previous month, and up 89 percent from May 31, 1998. Of this 137.3 million pounds, the government owned 45,000. Stocks of American cheese totaled 495.9 million pounds, up 10 percent from April 30. The government owned 13,000 pounds, a small percentage of the total stocks.

Commodity	May 31, 1998	Apr 30, 1999	May 31, 1999	1999
				1998
POTATOES:	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
French Fries	1,012,022	976,576	980,718	97
Other	270,801	259,637	274,412	101
Total	1,282,823	1,236,213	1,255,130	98
DAIRY				
Butter	72,702	126,357	137,259	189
(Gov't	308	67	45	15
American	443,730	450,564	495,877	112
(Gov't	155	20	13	8